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The Krystal building, home of Bryan's MBA program, is in the heart of Chattanooga's downtown. Read about the MBA program on page 5.

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# A letter from the President

*For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts (Isa 55:9).*



How like our God to manifest Himself in ways most improbable to our human minds. Incredibly during this time of economic turmoil and anxiety in our nation and world, a Bryan alumnus pledged a million-dollar gift for our new entrance! How we thank the Lord for His goodness, for providing for the college in His time, and for the opportunity to praise His name and acknowledge His ways.

During Homecoming, Brett Landes, '82, pledged his gift so we may begin constructing off U.S. Highway 27 a new main entrance and road that will open the west and north sides of campus. The new entrance is the catalyst that will launch Vision 2020—what we believe God wants Bryan College to be in the year 2020—and will open a new chapter in Bryan's storied history.

We desire to faithfully live out our mission of preparing students to make a difference in the places to which God calls them. To achieve that mission, Bryan must continue to make great strides as a leader in Christian higher education. Vision 2020 initiatives will broaden Bryan's regional and national recognition and will open the door for our students to live out the dream of our namesake William Jennings Bryan.

Vision 2020 honors and builds on the effective life and work of Mr. Bryan. This great American statesman embodied what it means to achieve excellence in his chosen profession and to faithfully effect change in our nation. He exuded a confidence in the rightness of his cause because he saw our world through the eyes of his Savior, and he devoted his life to the calling given him by his Creator.

Likewise, whether it is through symposia this spring on the influence of Charles Darwin and the scourge of human trafficking or through our MBA program or our new WJB Center for Law and Public Policy, our college is committed to preparing and sending out students who will change their world for God's glory.

Vision 2020 brings a new entrance, a new chapter in Bryan's history, and an unparalleled opportunity to show the love of Christ to a world desperately in need of a Savior. As you read in this issue about what is happening at Bryan, may you be challenged to earnestly pray that our ways and our thoughts will be those of our Savior and that you will be motivated to give financially towards making Vision 2020 a reality.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "S. D. Livesay". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

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# The essence of Vision 2020

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A new emphasis, anchored in the college's heritage, is driving Bryan's long-range development plan designed to position the institution as a leader in Christian higher education.

Vision 2020 is an ambitious capital and programmatic blueprint to see the college through the next dozen years. Its goals include increased enrollment, additional programs and facilities, and financial stability to ensure Bryan maintains its ability to "educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world."



"Bryan College alumni have a rich heritage of influencing our world for Christ, just as did our namesake William Jennings Bryan," President Stephen Livesay said. "Bryan was just 31 years old when he was elected to Congress, and was just 36 when he first ran for the presidency. Bryan College has seen wonderfully gifted young men and women pass through our halls, people who through many vocations are making a kingdom difference around the world. I believe we need to expand the opportunities—and the capacity—to offer this same Christ-centered education, built on excellence, to more students in the

coming years."

Vision 2020 sets "brick and mortar" goals, the first of which is a new

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entrance from U.S. Highway 27 due to be completed by Homecoming 2009. But the driving force behind the facilities is the expanded opportunities to be offered to students.

"If we are going to realize our mission to make a significant difference in our world, we must have the finances and facilities to develop leading programs and provide unique educational opportunities," Dr. Livesay said. "We can be leaders in Christian higher education; we can realize the vision Mr. Bryan had in a significant way."

One of the critical goals is to increase enrollment to 1,200 traditional and 600 graduate and non-traditional students.

"We believe 1,200 traditional students is the optimum number



needed to continue to attract highly motivated students, offer a challenging curriculum, and maintain the close student-faculty relationships that are a hallmark of the Bryan experience. This number, enhanced by an increased endowment, will offer the financial stability necessary for the college's long-term strength and prosperity," Dr. Livesay said.

A focal point of Vision 2020 is the Bryan Institute (formerly Bryan Center) for Critical Thought and Practice. This umbrella organization will coordinate efforts of the Center for Origins Research (CORE), the Center for Leadership Studies, the Center for Worldview Studies, The William Jennings Bryan Center for Law and Public Policy, and the Center for International Development as well as affiliates Summit Ministries and Passing the Baton International. "We believe this will multiply students' opportunities for study, research, internships that include experience in other cultures, and the opportunity to be engaged in the creation and debate of public policy," Dr. Livesay said. The plan is focused on providing opportunities for students and increasing the college's visibility in the community and around the world.

Major facility enhancements include the new entrance (see related story), a performing arts center, an athletics/convention center, an administration building, the William Jennings Bryan Center, the CORE museum and research center, residence halls, expansion of Rudd Auditorium, completion of Mercer Hall, and renovations to Latimer Student Center.

"These facilities will





enable us to house programs and provide opportunities for our students to truly make a difference regionally and nationally,” Dr. Livesay said.

“Plans are to use the performing arts center for the debate team, musical performances including recitals,



and theatrical performances. The William Jennings Bryan Center will provide the physical setting to study the life of Mr. Bryan and to do research on his contribution to the political and social culture of our nation. The Center and its outstanding faculty will provide opportunities for students to be involved in internships, research, and joining with other centers and institutes to influence governmental policies in such a way as to honor the teachings of Christ.”

Dr. Livesay emphasized that Vision 2020, while expectantly focused on the future and new opportunities, is firmly rooted in Bryan’s heritage.

“William Jennings Bryan was an extraordinary individual,” he said. “He had a firm Christian faith which informed his political positions, strengthened him for struggles against seemingly overwhelming odds, and comforted him when things did not turn out as he had hoped. He communicated complex issues in an understandable manner and persevered when his positions were not adopted immediately.

“When you look at his life, you see that he was a man of many interests. He worked tirelessly in the areas of biblical Christianity, government, politics, finance, communication, origins, education, international relations, consumer protection, and labor reform. Compare these to areas of study offered at Bryan College, and it is apparent that we have many programs that are in harmony with Mr. Bryan’s concerns.

“Vision 2020 is building on our distinctives and honors our namesake. Our programs and opportunities for our students recognize the significant contributions Mr. Bryan made to American life. These programs provide a framework to prepare students for lives of service that demonstrate, like Mr. Bryan did, what it looks like for Christians to engage their culture.”

## New Entrance Timeline

- **February 2002** – ARCADIS begins work on the conceptual plans and traffic study for the proposed new entrance.
- **Spring 2002** – ARCADIS and representatives from Bryan College/City of Dayton meet with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) commissioner to request entrance access to U.S. 27.
- **Summer 2002** – TDOT denies access to U.S. 27 on basis that TDOT cannot allow cutting of ‘no-access’ right-of-way (ROW) fence on U.S. 27.
- **August 2003** – New TDOT commissioner approves proposed entrance connection to U.S. 27 with requirement that the intersection of Richland Street and U.S. 27 is closed and the ‘no-access’ ROW fence is extended across the former intersection.
- **January 2004** – ARCADIS begins field surveying and development of preliminary entrance road design plans.
- **May 2004** – ARCADIS submits land-use application to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), requesting easement for entrance road to cross TVA-owned property adjacent to U.S. 27.
- **Fall 2004** – TVA Board grants easement to Bryan College/City of Dayton for crossing TVA-owned property.
- **Winter 2004** – ARCADIS begins completion of final construction plans for entrance road.
- **February 2006** – Final construction plans submitted to TDOT for review and approval. TDOT provides comments and requested revisions.
- **Spring 2006** – Bryan College puts entrance project on hold pending available funding.
- **October 2008** – Bryan College receives donation from alumnus to fund proposed entrance.
- **October 2008** – ARCADIS begins work to address TDOT comments and finalize plans.

Phase I of Entrance Road project scheduled to begin in February 2009.

# Two Phases of Construction

Groundbreaking for the first phase of Bryan's new entrance from U.S. 27 is planned for early February, President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay has announced.

The first phase of construction will build the physical intersection with the state highway and provide the link to Richland Street, which runs at the base of Bryan Hill. The January ceremony will be a community celebration featuring local and state officials. A second groundbreaking, for the portion between Richland Street and campus, is planned for April, and will be focused on students and college personnel.

Although the entrance has been a priority for some time, college officials decided not to begin construction until funds were in hand. Fund-raising efforts have been enhanced this year, but the decision to proceed came in October after alumnus Brett Landes, '82, pledged \$1 million for the project during his visit to campus for homecoming.

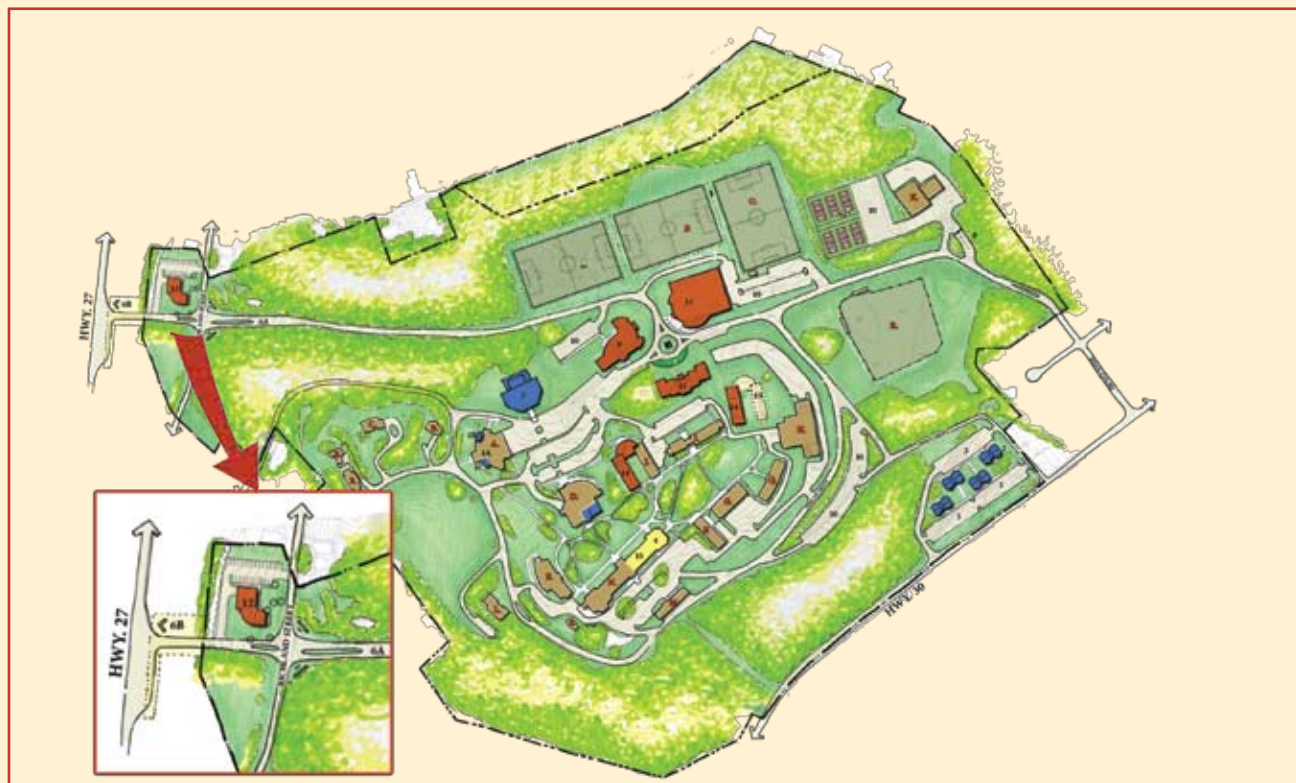
Additional funds raised through the alumni Lions project will be used to provide landscaping and other amenities along the half-mile drive.

Dayton City Manager Frank Welch reminded city council members during their November meeting that as part of the agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation approving the entrance, the city will close the U.S. 27 intersection with Richland Street, about a half mile north of

the new entrance. Richland Street will be improved between Richland Street and the new entrance, and the new road will be the new access point replacing the one to be closed.

Construction of the second phase of the project will begin after graduation in May and is to be completed in time for a dedication service during Homecoming 2009. Dr. Livesay explained that so much dirt will be moved from the hill north of the soccer field to the new roadway that normal campus activities, as well as student parking, would be disrupted if work were to be carried out during the school year.

The second groundbreaking will be held April 17, 2009, when former presidential speechwriter Michael Gerson visits Bryan for a lecture at the William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program dinner.





# Presenting the MBA at Bryan

On Dec. 19, the second cohort of Master's of Business Administration students received their degrees during Bryan's winter commencement.

For the students, graduation was the culmination of an 18-month journey that challenged and equipped them to take increasingly responsible leadership positions in business and industry.

For the college, this second graduation—together with strong enrollment and interest in the program—was a reaffirmation that a three-year process to initiate the degree was worth the effort.

Beginning as a dream of President Livesay, initiating a Master's degree was included in Bryan's strategic plan for 2004.

"The strategic plan calls for 1,200 traditional students and 600 adult students," Dean of Adult Studies Dr. Bob Andrews said. "To do that, we need three Master's programs plus Aspire, the degree completion program."

More than simply adding numbers, a Master's of Business Administration program adds status and visibility to the college in addition to offering graduates to the community with both skills and an appreciation for ethics that many see are so needed in today's business world.

"We wanted to enhance the status

of the institution," Dr. Andrews said. "The MBA put us on the map in Chattanooga in places we've never been. We are recruiting students from major industries and businesses in Chattanooga."

Graduates value the education they received. For some, like Ted Draper, a member of the first MBA cohort, the degree opened the possibility of moving into a senior administrative position with a mission-sending organization in Kansas City, Mo. For others, like Marilyn Cheney, executive director of patient financial services for a hospital system in Chattanooga, the MBA offered the opportunity to grow as a leader.

Getting to the point of accepting students into the program was almost a full-time job for Dr. Andrews and Dr. Ken Froemke, Bryan's accreditation liaison with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



"From fall of 2004 to March 2005, we put the proposal through the academic cycle," Dr. Andrews explained. Approval by the Bryan faculty passed the project into the hands of the Southern Association. Bryan was required to submit a detailed summary of the program, courses, and faculty qualifications.

"The Southern Association has about 75 principles of accreditation Bryan must meet for its general accreditation, but for the graduate program we had to address only 21 of those," Dr. Froemke said. "We had to narrate and document how we are in compliance with those principles. For example, how is this program supported by the college mission statement? Are there enough full-time faculty with the right credentials to support the new program?" Once the program was approved in December 2005, the college began recruiting students to begin class in September 2006.

The start of classes, however, didn't complete the accreditation process. A team of professors and administrators representing the Southern Association came to Chattanooga, where the MBA program is headquartered, in February



2007, to complete an on-site evaluation.

Dr. Froemke remembers the visiting team surprised Bryan officials by completing their work early.

"It was planned for a three-day evaluation, but they left after the first day, satisfied that we had met the criteria," he said. "Bob (Andrews) and I were sitting at a basketball game after the first day of the visit when Ray Smith (Dr. Ray Smith, then-director of

the program) text messaged Bob saying the committee wanted to meet with Dr. Livesay and us the next morning, that they were leaving. We thought they were going to tell us something was wrong and there was no need to go further. Instead, they told us we had documented everything sufficiently, that they didn't need to see anything else, and they had only two recommendations about faculty credentials and

assessment.

"I've been through three site visits at Bryan and on three visiting teams and I've never seen anything like that before."

The college learned in December that the Southern Association has fully approved the MBA program.

"That means we will not have to schedule another site visit until 2014," Dr. Froemke said.



*Ted Draper*

A solid foundation with some professional "stretching" in Bryan's MBA program gave Ted Draper the tools needed to accomplish professional goals that otherwise seemed out of reach.

Mr. Draper, one of the first MBA graduates, serves as director of public relations and media for Avant Ministries, a non-denominational international missions agency in Kansas City, Mo. Although he had an undergraduate degree emphasizing public relations, he said he realized he needed more business education to move into areas he desired.

"I spent the two years before starting the MBA in China," he said. "I realized to be globally competitive I needed an MBA. I debated taking an MBA and seminary courses because I wanted to fuse my faith with business. Bryan's program combined a biblical worldview with business, which was what I wanted."

He and his wife returned from China at the end of May; he started a job at Covenant Transport, a Chattanooga trucking company, as a marketing analyst in June; his first daughter was born in July, and he began the MBA program in August. "It was a crazy schedule," he said. "But once I started the program, I enjoyed the fact that there was a definite end in sight. I knew I could schedule around things and not take five years to complete. I was with the same group of people instead of changing classes, so that was more like a work environment."

The non-traditional weekend class meetings made the program convenient. "The schedule was great. I could be home in the evenings and could schedule my Saturdays. It didn't interfere with work; I wasn't trying to leave work,

fighting traffic to get to class, and getting home late. Meeting every other Saturday allowed me to easily schedule my professional workload, educational workload, and time for other things."

He found some classes he enjoyed more than others, but faced the less favorite sessions with the attitude that "what you put into a project is what you get out of it. I was attending to gain knowledge in an area that I was not proficient. As I sat through classes on something I didn't understand, I knew I would need the information."

Mr. Draper said he appreciated the fact that there were no surprises once the program began. "When you go to orientation you get a schedule; you know you're going into an MBA program to be pushed. Being challenged is part of an advanced degree. With the calendar and coursework laid out in front of me, I didn't feel like there were any surprises. They seemed so very up front about everything," he said.

His Master's degree helped open the door to his present job with Avant Ministries, as the mission preferred the new director hold an MBA.

"I couldn't say enough good things about the program," he said. "There is a solid biblical foundation. That's something Bryan does very well at the undergraduate and graduate level. They're not going to push you in a certain way, but they will challenge you to examine the ramifications of a decision."



## *Business with a biblical worldview*



# Bryan helps open doors

Opening new possibilities is one of the benefits Marilyn Chaney found in completing her MBA at Bryan College.

In addition to her MBA, Mrs. Chaney completed her Bachelor's degree through Bryan's Aspire program, a move that led directly to her graduate studies. "Dr. (Bob) Andrews was developing the MBA program while I was in his Aspire class," she explained. "I told him I wanted to be in the first MBA class."

Finishing her undergraduate degree completed years of part-time schooling as she worked in the health care industry. In 1998, she returned to Chattanooga from Knoxville to work with Parkridge Health System. In 2001, she began working with Memorial Health Care System, and serves today as executive director of patient financial services. "After I came to Memorial and got things settled, I felt it was time to go back to school," she said.

To that point in her career, she had been able to advance in responsibilities because of her experience and proven

abilities. "A few years ago, Memorial was hiring an executive level position, and we had what I thought was the perfect candidate," she said. "This position preferred a Masters degree, but at a minimum required a Bachelor's degree. The light came on for me, that I could be held back without a degree."

That revelation spurred her on to earn her undergraduate degree, and later to enter the MBA program.

Going to school while working is "a big commitment, but it's not impossible," she said. "My whole life is very organized; I did not do anything that was not planned. I would go to work, come home and study. My mother lives several hours away, and I would schedule visits on weekends when we didn't have class. I'd read on the way, while my husband drove."

Both the Aspire and MBA programs were stretching experiences for her, but Mrs. Chaney said the experience was valuable. "The hardest part of Aspire and the MBA for me was the group projects. It was hard to rely on other people to accomplish a goal. Personally, I'd rather do it all myself, but in the real world you have to work with other people. That was one of the most valuable lessons, to work with other people, to try other approaches to get things done."

One benefit was somewhat unexpected. "During a recent performance review, my leader said that my experience, finishing my education and going through the MBA program has helped me grow as a leader."

Mrs. Chaney is a firm believer in the Bryan MBA program, and uses her experience in both the MBA and Aspire programs to encourage friends to complete their education. And her experience has whetted her appetite for more.

"Taking the MBA started out almost as a joke, but now I'm thinking about a Ph.D. The only problem is that there are no schools around here that focus on what I want, and I really don't want to relocate."



*Marilyn Chaney*

## MBA Timeline

- **Late 2003** – Idea for the MBA program originates
- **Spring 2004** – Faculty begins designing program, courses, standards, etc.
- **Spring 2005** – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools notified of plans for the MBA
- **Spring 2005** – Dr. Ray Smith, first MBA director, hired
- **December 2005** – SACS approves the MBA
- **September 2006** – First MBA class enrolls
- **February 2007** – SACS site visit to review accreditation

**For more information about the MBA program, including enrollment requirements and deadlines, contact Adina Scruggs at [adina.scruggs@bryan.edu](mailto:adina.scruggs@bryan.edu) or 423-634-1114.**

# Campus News

## Up and Away!

Students in Dr. Stephen Barnett's weather studies class traded the warmth of a lab for the cold, rainy outdoors in mid-November to gain hands-on experience with atmospheric observations.



Dr. Barnett said the class launched a high-altitude research balloon to take a variety of measurements and to capture video images as it ascended to some 85,000 feet and traveled more than 130 miles before landing in a remote area in Southwest Virginia, 35 miles northwest of Kingsport, Tenn. Wind speeds in excess of 175 mph were recorded by instruments in the balloon's data pods.

"This was part of a National Science Foundation (NSF) initiative to increase interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," he said. "The students, who are not science majors, were learning the whole scientific process, forming a hypothesis, designing and performing an experiment,

then interpreting the data."

Sophomore communication studies major Josh Davis said the project did pique his interest in science, at least weather science, but said Dr. Barnett's enthusiasm is even more infectious. "His presentation does something for me," he said. "The balloon experiment showed me a usable aspect of taking science and making it ours. Ordinarily I have little interest in studying humidity in the atmosphere. But getting to see it in action was very cool. If I'm free next semester, I want to do it again."

Dr. Barnett was invited to participate in the project beginning with a workshop this past summer at Taylor University. Taylor also sent two researchers from their educational psychology department to evaluate the effectiveness of the ballooning project in science education.

Conditions deteriorated the day of the launch, in more ways than one. "Our predictive tracking software crashed, so we had to work from what was predicted the day before," Dr. Barnett explained. Because they did not have current data, the landing site was more than 50 miles away from the predicted point. "We had such thick clouds and turbulence that the tracking equipment lost contact with the balloon several times. The winds were so strong aloft that one instrument

pod was destroyed. That had never happened in scores of launches that the Taylor group had been involved in."

Kesse Robinson, a sophomore English/education major, said she learned something of a life lesson, not just science, because of the experiment. "I learned that preparing ahead of time, especially for mistakes, is essential, and that when something goes wrong, having a bad attitude won't help, while a good attitude makes the whole project fun."

The science department "invested a substantial sum in equipment," buying cameras, radios, and meteorological instruments which—except for those unexpectedly lost—can be reused in subsequent experiments. "It's like rocket science, only cheaper," Dr. Barnett said. In addition to the initial investment, each launch costs between \$300 and \$400, with most of the expense for helium and the balloon, which bursts at the peak of its ascent.

In the spring, Bryan students expect to participate in HALO-2, a collaborative high-altitude research project, with several universities across the United States. Multiple balloons will be launched simultaneously to test prototype emergency communication networks and to sample the uppermost atmosphere over a very wide area.





## In it for the long haul

The “long haul” for a college education has a different meaning for a member of Bryan’s December graduating class – thousands of miles different.

Chris Young, a psychology major from Campaign, Tenn., near McMinnville, has spent the past seven semesters driving 75 miles one way to class, almost every day, to earn his degree.

“He’s responsible,” said Dr. Steve Bradshaw, professor of psychology. “Students on campus often roll out of the dorm and get to class late. He usually is here before me.

“He has been a really good student and has done really well. He scored the highest on the Educational Testing Service competency exam this year.”

In addition to the miles, it took Chris several more years than usual to earn the B.A. in Psychology degree. After graduating from high school, he went to work in a factory and took an occasional college class along the way. He also married and became the father of two daughters.

“I had a good job, with good pay and benefits, but the factory closed,” he explained. “Part of the severance package was that they would pay for tuition and books for people who wanted to go to school. This was an opportunity for me to do something I’d always wanted to do.”

Since he graduated from high school in 1988, he had worked as a youth minister in churches in his community and developed a concern for youth in crisis situations.

“I live only 25 minutes from Tennessee Tech, but I wanted to go to a Christian school,” he said. “I wanted Christian integration with my major, and I wanted a minor in Bible. I was interested in Bryan because of the Christian influence and the motto ‘Christ Above All.’”

Despite the fact that few “non-traditional” students like him enroll in the traditional program, “it has been a really good experience,” he said. “The adjustment wasn’t easy; I hadn’t been a great student in high school, but I loved this. I love to learn.”

In addition to the academic challenge, his family had to make some adjustments as well. “Being a dad, husband, and full-time student has been hard for the family,” he said. “It has been a struggle for our youngest daughter because Dad hasn’t been as attentive or available as he used to be.”

There were financial challenges as well. “Our intention was for me to work, but that didn’t last long. I couldn’t do a real job and this,” he said. “My wife works as a registered nurse in Murfreesboro, and I’ve worked summer jobs. We’ve been conservative with our money over the years, so we knew we could survive on what my wife makes.”



With graduation behind him, Chris is ready to get back into the workforce, but more education remains a goal. “I’m looking at a number of companies,” he said. “One of them will help with graduate school. That’s my goal.”

With his goal to counsel troubled teens, he said more education is needed, but the goal is within reach. “He certainly has a burden for that,” Dr. Bradshaw said. “I think he could do a lot of good modeling what it means to be a man, particularly for boys.”

And if his persistence over the past seven semesters is any indication, the next part of Chris’s educational journey won’t be quite as long as the one he has just completed.

## Happy 100th, Coach!

Coach Leo Sayles earned his 100th win at Bryan College Nov. 15, with a 3-0 victory over Montreat during the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament. Coach Sayles has been at Bryan five years and has compiled a 100-79 record.

"Coach Sayles has done a marvelous job on and off the court," Athletics Director Dr. Sandy Zensen said. "He has developed a well-respected and highly competitive program, making a commitment to excellence the standard for the entire athletic department here at Bryan College."

Sayles' teams have reached the conference semifinals for three straight years, and finished second last year. In 2006, Coach Sayles received the 2006 AAC Coach of the Year honor. In 2007, the Lady Lions advanced to the NCCAA national championships.



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## Bryan Pianists Sweep Competition

Bryan piano students swept top honors during the fall Tennessee Music Teachers Association state competition in Nashville.

Kimberly McKennett, a junior piano pedagogy major from Port Alworth, Alaska, won the competition. A year ago, she received honorable mention in the contest.

Natalie McGehee, a sophomore piano pedagogy major from Rustin, La., was runner-up, and her sister, Brittany, a senior piano pedagogy major, earned honorable mention.

Also competing was Molly Gehring, a senior piano pedagogy major from Marietta, Ga., who received a superior rating.

All four competitors from Bryan qualified for the state competition by receiving superior ratings at the local competition last spring in Chattanooga. The local competition was run by the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association, an affiliate of TMTA. The state competition was held at Tennessee State University in Nashville, and included 10 finalists from colleges and universities across the state.

*Pictured from left are Molly Gehring, Brittany McGehee, Natalie McGehee, and Kimberly McKennett.*





# Pettus Establishes Scholarship

A new scholarship will honor the donors' parents and help minority students attend Bryan, President Stephen Livesay has announced.

Robert and Marilyn Pettus of Charlotte, N.C., have created the Robert D. and Nellie J. Pettus/E.C. and Mary T. Holiday Scholarship in honor of their parents. The scholarship is designed to assist students who are Native American or bi-racial to attend Bryan. Mr. Pettus is a member of the Class of 1967.

In announcing the gift, Dr. Livesay said, "Someone made it possible for Bob to come to Bryan. Now it has come full circle."

Mr. Pettus told students during a chapel service in October that he had not planned to attend college. However, former Bryan trustee Mark Senter, Jr., offered a half-tuition scholarship, which "my father 'encouraged' me to accept. Bryan has meant a great deal to me. I hope you understand and appreciate what you have here."

Mr. Pettus is retired executive vice president of Coca-Cola Consolidated in Charlotte, N.C., and former vice chairman



of the company's board of directors. He remains active in many ministries in the Charlotte area and is a featured speaker to many business men's groups throughout the country.



## A Gift from La-Z-Boy

President Livesay, left, accepts a check from La-Z-Boy Tennessee Vice President Darrell Edwards as La-Z-Boy Human Resources Director Janet Earnhardt looks on. The La-Z-Boy Foundation made the gift to cover the cost of furniture for the Spiritual Formation Department on the third floor of the Latimer Student Center.

## Human Trafficking Conference



Bryan College students will move beyond information to active responses to the scourge of human trafficking as they present their third conference on the problem Jan. 23-25, 2009.

Dr. Ron Petite, director of the Center for International Leadership and faculty advisor for the conference, said the focus this year is reflected in the title: "Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking."

"Journalist Christine Dolan has been here twice and our students have been briefed extensively on the problem; the facts are readily available," he said. "There are some very pragmatic street-level responses to this problem, and that's what the conference will address this time."

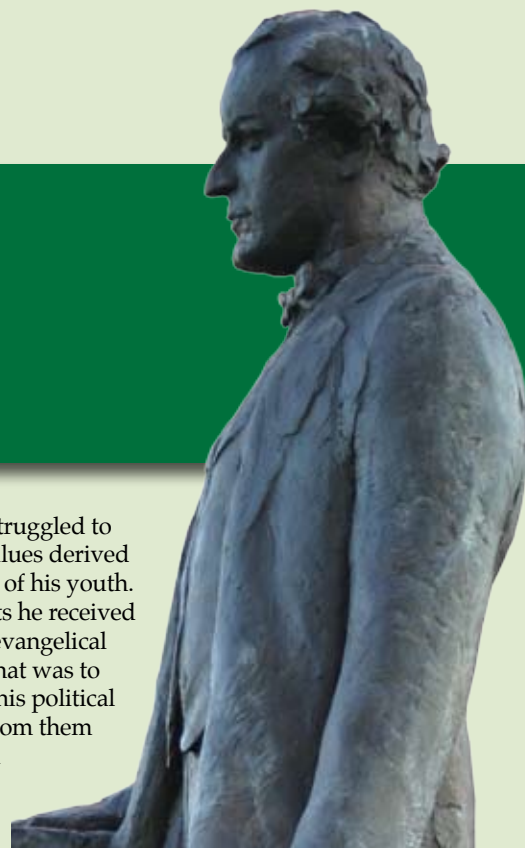
Representatives from the U.S. State Department and Department of Justice, Great Britain's Scotland Yard, and

International Justice Mission have been invited to participate. "This is an international problem," Dr. Petite said. "There is a problem in the U.S., but it is magnified beyond our borders."

Tentative plans call for the State Department representative to speak on Friday, with other representatives to speak at plenary sessions on Saturday and a chapel service on Sunday. Bryan students who have researched aspects of the problem will lead break-out sessions on Saturday, as well as late-night prayer services during the conference.

"If students feel passionately enough about this issue, there are agencies into which they can inject their energies," Dr. Petite said. "There is training needed in many cases because you can't just step up to a street corner and do battle; you could lose your life very quickly. This conference is designed to help students understand areas where they can become involved and become familiar with what they need to do to fight this good fight."

# The man William Jennings Bryan



“I wish for a college that would present Christ first.” William Jennings Bryan had a long list of wishes, many of which, like his dream of a college dedicated to honoring Christ above all, did not come to fruition until after his death. But his accomplishments and influence on American life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries earned Bryan a ranking among the most influential individuals in American history.

Michael Kazin, author of the 2006 biography *A Godly Hero: The Life of William Jennings Bryan*, offers this summation of Bryan’s place in American life:

His record was impressive, particularly for someone who held no office during most of his career. Starting with the campaign of 1896, the Democrats ceased being the more conservative of the two major parties—with the fateful exception of their support for Jim Crow. Bryan was the leading proponent of three constitutional amendments—for the income tax, the popular election of senators, and prohibition. He also did much to place on the national agenda a variety of other significant reforms: insured bank deposits, government-owned railroads, publicly financed campaigns, and a reliable method for preventing war. None of these became law during his lifetime—he had better luck with statewide curbs on the teaching of Darwinism. But it was certainly not for lack of promotion or resolve. “With the exception of the men who have occupied the White House,” wrote William Gibbs McAdoo in 1931, “Bryan...had more to do with the shaping of the public policies of the last forty years than any other American citizen” (Kazin 304).

Underlying and compelling his progressive spirit was a deep faith in Christ and a belief in the ability of ordinary men and women to choose what is best for the nation. In his autobiography, completed after his death by his wife Mary, Bryan said, “At the age of fourteen I became a member of the Church, as the result of a spiritual awakening that took place in the little town in which I was born. It has had more influence in my life for good than any other experience, and I have been increasingly grateful for the circumstances that led me to take a stand on religion before I left home for college” (Bryan 11).

It is equally apparent that Bryan, born in rural Salem, Ill., March 19, 1860, propounded values inherited from his parents, Silas and Mariah Jennings Bryan. Paul W. Glad, who edited *William Jennings Bryan: A Profile*, said:

The values he struggled to uphold were values derived from the milieu of his youth. From his parents he received training in the evangelical Protestantism that was to shape much of his political thinking, and from them he first imbibed the moralist characteristic of nineteenth-

century America. Attaining prominence in an era when most of the American population was rural, the Commoner always assumed that his values were those of the majority. He never doubted that he could trust the people to being about change consistent with the moral and religious convictions he regarded as eternal verities—provided, of course, that the people were left free and unintimidated (Glad viii).

Little wonder, then, that he was called the Great Commoner.

But simply championing causes is not enough to ensure greatness. Bryan had the ability to present complex issues in easily understood language and encourage individuals to join him in fighting for a principle: “That is a quality absent among our recent leaders, for all their promise to leave no man, woman, or child behind. Bryan’s sincerity, warmth, and passion for a better world won the hearts of people who cared for no other public figure in his day” (Kazin 306).

By the time he was elected to Congress in 1891, Bryan had begun to mature as a public speaker, impressing both political friends and foes alike with his abilities. Five years later he delivered what has been called “the most dramatic address in American political history” (Cornelius 9), “The Cross of Gold,” at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The next day, he received the first of three nominations for president.

But by his own words, Bryan was more interested in “religious” topics. In “The Prince of Peace,” he said:

I offer no apology for writing upon a religious theme, for it is the most universal of all themes. I am interested in the science of government, but I am more interested in religion than in government. I feel sure of my ground when I make a political speech, but I feel even more





certain of my ground when I make a religious speech. Government affects but a part of the life which we live here and does not deal at all with the life beyond, while religion touches the infinite circle of existence as well as the small arc of that circle which we spend on earth. No greater theme, therefore, can engage our attention.

Michael Kazin observes of Bryan's activity on the Chautauqua circuit:

Beginning in 1904 [the year Bryan wrote "The Prince of Peace"], he spent the better part of twenty summers as the star attraction on the week-long programs that edified, titillated, and amused millions of Americans who seldom had access to a big-city theater or lecture hall. His appeal was extraordinary for both its zeal and its longevity. One entrepreneur testified that Bryan was good for "forty acres of parked Fords, anywhere, at any time of the day or night."

In his essay "Bryan: The Progressive, Part I," John A. Garraty writes that Bryan was comfortable mixing religion and politics because "[t]he premise from which Bryan argued was that social problems are essentially moral—that is to say, religious." He continues, "It was inconceivable that the hardworking, Bible-reading citizenry should be inferior in moral insight to the cynical financiers of the Eastern cities. Because they were, as Bryan saw it, better people, they were better moralists, and hence better economists."

Paul Glad concludes his introduction to essays profiling Bryan, including Garraty's cited above, in these words:

On the whole, then, the essays reveal the limitations of nineteenth-century agrarianism in a twentieth-century industrial society, but they do not denigrate the entire world view that Bryan represented. There was, after all,

much of permanent value in that view: a recognition of human rights; a faith in democracy that was the positive side of a hatred of privilege; a conviction that love and peace not only benefit society more than hatred and war but are the surest avenues to liberty and justice for all.

Bryan's death in Dayton on July 26, 1925, spurred establishment of the William Jennings Bryan University five years later as a memorial to the Great Commoner and opened a field of inquiry into his life and contributions that continues today. In future editions of *Bryan Life*, we will examine some of the accomplishments of this most significant of Americans.

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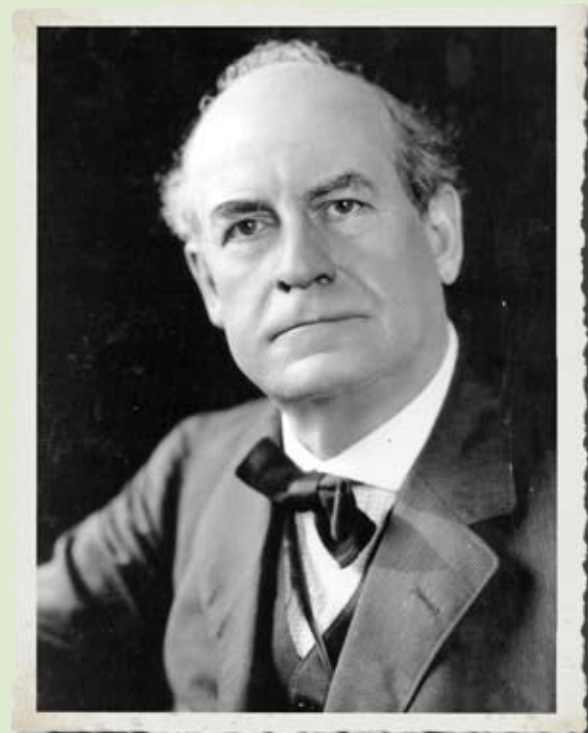
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# Faculty/Staff Notes

**Mr. Luke Hathaway** has been promoted from helpdesk technician to I.T. Services computer technician.

**Mr. Matt Meloncon**, a 2008 computer science graduate, has been hired as the new helpdesk technician.

**Mrs. Kim Keck** passed her comprehensive examinations in her doctoral program in September.

**Dr. Bill Ketchersid** has had an article published in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2008), titled "Major Campbell Wallace: Southern Railroad Leader."

**Dr. Ray Legg** presented a paper at the 32nd annual Colloquium on Literature and Film at West Virginia University in September. His paper was titled "Revisiting the Past: Marginalization and Rejection in Two Versions of *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston."

**Dr. David Luther** presented choral workshops in Charleston, S.C., in August and in East Ridge, Tenn., in September.

**Dr. Sigrid Luther** attended the Tennessee Music Teachers Association conference in June and the Dennis Alexander Piano Workshop in Chattanooga in August. She performed as a guest left hand artist at the World Piano Pedagogy conference in Dallas, Texas, in October. Dr. Luther also will be listed in the 2009 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

**Dr. Jeff Myers** delivered a Passing the Baton workshop in Warsaw, Poland in September. In October, he hosted a Wisdom Trek leader development retreat in Rome, Ga.

He was the keynote speaker and presented workshops at the annual ACSI convention in Seattle, Wash., in October.

**Dr. Dwight Page** is editor of the *Swiss-American Historical Review*, which is published three times a year, and represented Bryan College at the annual meeting of the Swiss-American Historical Society in Philadelphia in October. *The Review* will be published jointly by Bryan, the Swiss-American Historical Society, and the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, D.C.

**Mr. Christian Pendergrass** has been hired as a general grounds and fleet worker.

**Dr. Drew Randle** was the commencement speaker at the Curtis Baptist School graduation in Augusta, Ga., in June. He and Dr. Scott Jones taught several biblical foundation sessions for a youth camp at Bryan, and he preached at Grace Bible Church in Dayton in July.

**Mr. Earl Reed**, **Mr. James Sullivan**, and **Mr. Luke Hathaway** made presentations at the Appalachian College Association Summit XI in Abingdon, Va., in October.

**Dr. Roger Sanders** and student Jeremy Blaschke co-authored an abstract and poster that Dr. Sanders presented at Botany 2008, the annual American and Canadian botanical conference, in Vancouver, British Columbia, in July. The presentation was titled "The Origin and Diversification of *Scalesia* (tree sunflowers) in the Galapagos Islands."

**Dr. Mel Wilhoit's** article, "R.E.

Winsett Music Company: A Case Study in Ma and Pa Publishing OR The Growth of Grassroots Gospel," was published in the *Festschrift Hymnology in the Service of the Church in Honor of Dr. Harry Eskew* (Morningstar Pub., 2008). He also sang with the Chattanooga Symphony's chorus in September when the orchestra presented Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

The whole Christian Studies faculty attended the national Evangelical Theological Society meeting in November in Providence, R.I. Faculty members presented the following academic papers: **Dr. Jud Davis**, "Acts 2 and the OT: The Pentecost Event in Light of Sinai, Babel, and the Table of Nations;" **Dr. Doug Kennard**, "Instances of Covenant Nomism in Second Temple Judaism;" and **Dr. Ken Turner**, "Moses on the New Perspective: Does Deuteronomy Teach Covenant Nomism?"







# Remembering Bryan

*By Audrey Mayer, '54*

Sometimes Bryan seems 100 years ago and 10,000 miles away – but every spring when the dogwood blooms, I go back in my mind to that hilltop campus in the beautiful Tennessee hills. To my good roommates, to Dr. Batson's classes (only she was Miss Batson then), to my freshman year when I met one of the loves of my life, and to all the excitement of being away from home with very little money.

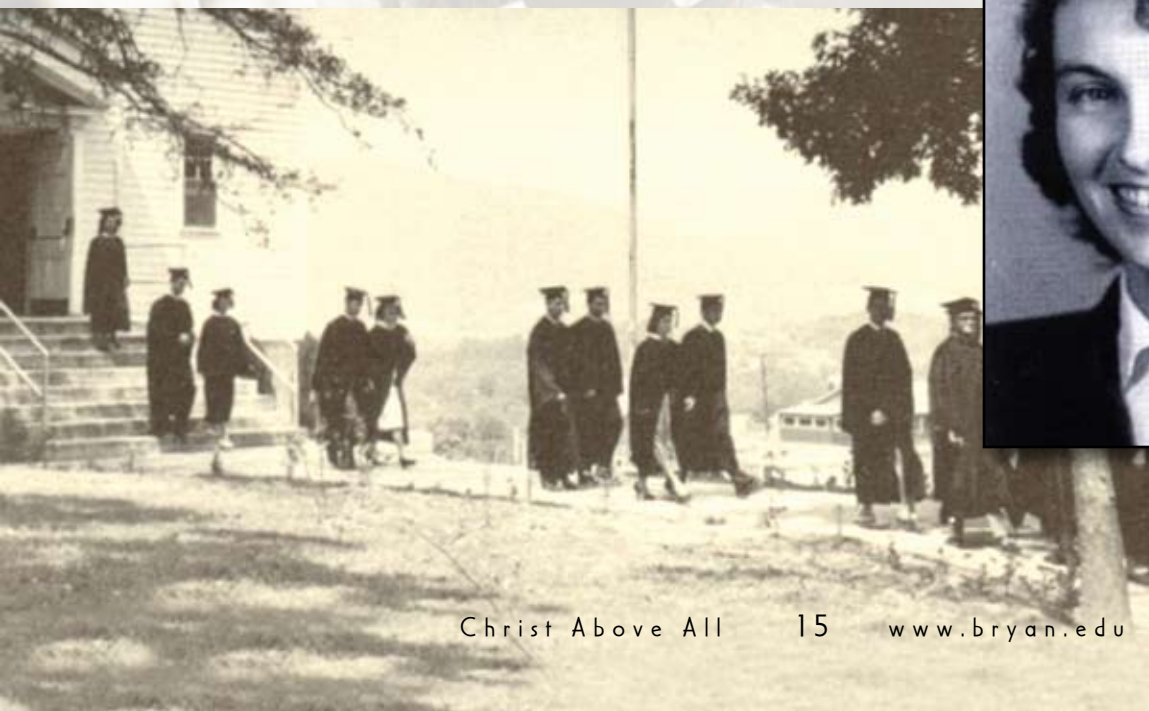
I ask myself what was the best thing for me at Bryan in those days – and I still don't have an absolute answer. How can I compare working as a waitress and a third-hour expediter in the kitchen with studying for lit exams with Helen Hillegas and then racing each other out of those exams? Or going to my CSA class at Carp School out in the hills with playing speedball on Monday afternoons? Or even walking around the Triangle on Thursday evening date-night with the fun of little group discussions in the dorm?

Bryan was many things to many people, and to me it was a place of learning and loving; learning to use my time, to prioritize my activities, to live with disappointment, to formulate a philosophy of life, to realize that "Christ Above

All" is more than just a college motto. Loving people from all over the country who became good friends, loving those lit classes that brought out the best in us as students, loving to drop into bed at night after a too-long and too-busy day... There were so many things to learn and so many to love.

I've visited Bryan as it is now – and it's moved onward and upward in a wonderful way. But I don't regret that I went there in the old days when the dining room meals were family style, the young men shoveled coal into the furnace that heated the admin/dorm building, we had a class-free day to clean up the campus every fall, and there were hardly 10 student cars besides those at Trailerville.

I'm remembering Bryan – with a smile and gratitude to the Lord, plus happy memories of a lot of people who were there with me.





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# Homecoming



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1. Alumni enjoyed departmental reunions during lunch in Brock Hall.



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2. Monique Pierce Cocanougher and Bill Hilbrands greet each other at the Class of 1983 25th anniversary dinner.



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3. Baseball Coach Taylor Hasty signals during the alumni baseball game.



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4. Soccer teammates, from left, Skip Cline, '77; Jerry Cline, Luke Germann, and Mike Hathaway, all '78; and Brian Schrauger, '77, reconnect at the alumni awards dinner.



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5. Soccer Coach Sandy Zensen, right, gives instruction to former players John Jarvis, '02x, and Brian Eisenback, '02, before the alumni soccer game.



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6. Three alumni were honored at a book signing during registration for Homecoming on Friday. Pictured, from left, are Rachel Newman, daughter of Debi Bowles Newman, '83, co-author with her mother; Dr. Newman; Jackie Griffin Perseghetti, '82; and Kari Ballentine, '91.





1. Tommy Anglea, '84, waits for the pitch during the home run derby Friday night.

2. Members of the Lions' NCCAA District Championship baseball team were recognized at the alumni awards banquet Saturday night. From left are Kevin DeLaney, '84; Doug Meyers, '85; Tommy Anglea, '84; and Rick Heasley, '83.

3. Doug Meyers, '85; Scott Hunt, '86; and Tommy Anglea, '84, enjoy watching the alumni baseball game on Saturday.

4. Five-year classes gathered on Friday night for a meal in Brock Hall, while the Class of 1983 held its 25th anniversary reunion dinner in the library.

5. Dr. John Anderson, '73H, and his son, John D., '69, watch as festivities get underway during My Big Fat Greet Luncheon honoring Dr. Anderson's years of service to Bryan.







1. Rachel Crumpler Williams, left, and Brenda Nollmeyer Pegg, right, both '98, introduce their children to each other during the departmental luncheon on Saturday.

2. Eric McEachron and Kim Woody were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during ceremonies at halftime of the soccer game Saturday.

3. Matt Landes, '83, Bryan's all-time leader for assists in basketball, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame during the alumni awards dinner Saturday.

4. David Willson, '90, a three-time NCCAA All-American soccer player, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame by Dr. Sandy Zensen.

5. Maj. Gen. Mastin Robeson, '76, and Nancy Robeson, '74, were named Alumni of the Year. Alumni Director David Tromanhauser, right, made the presentation at Gen. Robeson's office at Camp Lejeune.





1. Linda Jacobsen Roddy, '72, and Terry Roddy, '70x, fix their sundaes at the ballpark Friday night.

2. Bryan Trustee Jerry Cline, '78; Brett Landes, '82; Mike Smith, '82; and Matt Landes, '83, pause for a picture during the alumni golf tournament on Friday.

3. Alumni Director David Tromanhauser presents Dr. Livesay a special medal and cap from Alumnus of the Year Mastin Robeson during the alumni awards dinner Saturday.



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## Gerson featured at WJB Opportunity banquet

Michael Gerson, former speechwriter and assistant to President George W. Bush, will be the featured speaker for Bryan's second William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program dinner April 16, 2009.

Proceeds from the dinner support the William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program, which provides financial aid to help deserving students from low-income families attend Bryan College. Some 30 students are enrolled at the college this year as a result of assistance through the program.

Steve Keck, director of advancement, said the dinner will be held at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo beginning at 6 p.m. College personnel are inviting interested persons to support the program and the dinner. For information, contact Mr. Keck at 423-775-7581.

Mr. Gerson, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign

Relations and columnist for The Washington Post, worked closely with President Bush to prepare speeches following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the unfolding War on Terror. He is recognized as one of the key intellectual architects of the Bush presidency, particularly on issues of compassionate conservatism at home and the freedom agenda abroad.



# An Invitation Brings Benefits

An invitation to a Christmas concert made a friend for Bryan College, and Bryan has responded by providing an investment that increased his retirement income.

Jude Thibault, who retired to Crossville, Tenn., nearly 20 years ago, has come to appreciate the Christian education offered at Bryan, as well as the advantages of a charitable gift annuity.

Mr. Thibault said a friend in Crossville, some 40 miles from Dayton, invited him to a Christmas concert in 1990. He accepted the offer and paid close attention as he visited the campus. "I'm a pretty good observer," he said. "I look and listen. What I saw I liked.

"I observed the behavior of the students and the teachers, how things were presented. That gave me the impression that things were done well. It reflected the Christian teaching I was brought up in."

Although he moved to Tennessee after retiring in Connecticut, he couldn't stay idle and opened a recreational vehicle repair business in 1990. "I started as a 'shade tree' mechanic, built a shop (near Interstate 40) and within a month I had 15 RVs in the yard to repair," he said. The business prospered until his wife, who also worked as office and business manager, passed away in 1996.

Two years later his business was in debt and without cash. "I laid off my shop manager, let people know I was back managing the shop, and business picked up again. I paid off the debt and December 1999, made an attempt to retire and closed the shop."

But, again, retirement didn't "take" and Mr. Thibault signed on as a truck driver for Averitt Express, driving cross country for five years. "That was the best therapy for me. I really enjoyed it, but it's a tough life." When he turned 69 in February 2006, he determined to call it quits so he retired.

In 2006, he attended another Christmas concert at Bryan and decided it was time to do more than just enjoy the music.

Over the years, Planned Giving Director Jim Barth had talked with Mr. Thibault about various estate planning options. "He had a commercial annuity," Mr. Barth explained,



"and we showed him how a charitable gift annuity could increase his income, reduce his taxes, and benefit Bryan. He liked that idea."

Mr. Thibault said at the appropriate time for him he decided to convert his commercial annuity to a Bryan charitable gift annuity. "By taking out an annuity with Bryan, it eventually benefits students, doing something to help them get a Christian education and at the same time giving me a deduction I can use to reduce my taxes as well as a good return. Many other annuities, when you pass on, the company keeps the principal. Now when I go, the money will serve a good cause. This helps young folk who otherwise may not be able to have that opportunity to attend Bryan College."

**For more information about charitable gift annuities or other planned giving opportunities, contact Mr. Barth at [barthji@bryan.edu](mailto:barthji@bryan.edu) or call 423-775-7280.**



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# Lion Tracks



Jennifer and Bryan Waites

## 1960's

**RON MORREN, '64**, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to teach in the English as a Second Language department of Bluefields Indian and Caribbean University in Bluefields, Nicaragua, beginning in February 2009. For more than 30 years, Ron and his wife, **DIANE (PECK), '64x**, have been members of Wycliffe Bible Translators, working in the Philippines, Latin America, and more recently on the teaching staff in Dallas, Texas, in the areas of literacy and education.

## 1980's

**CHERYL, '84**, and Greg **RYLE**, who served with Missionary Maintenance Services and Mission Aviation Fellowship since 1985, resigned in August to

focus their ministry on their adopted children Meghan and Talitha. The Ryle family has relocated from Haiti to Claymont, Del., where Greg will work at the local airport in airplane maintenance and Cheryl will teach in the preschool at their home church.

## 1990's

**MASON ELLENBERGER, '94x**, has been named general manager for LA Tech Sports Properties, a Ruston, La.-based firm which oversees all aspects of a new 10-year partnership between Louisiana Tech University and collegiate marketer Learfield Sports. Mason and his wife, Wanda, and sons Hunter, 3, and James, 9, live in Ruston.

**JOEL, '98**, and Charity **GONCE** announce the birth of their first child, Naomi Grace, on Oct. 7. Naomi

weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and was 19 ½ inches long, and arrived on her parents' second wedding anniversary. The Gonce family lives in Johnson City, Tenn.

**GREG and ASHLEY (MCDONALD) SOVEREIGN**, both '99, announce the birth of their third child, Cole Thomas, on Sept. 29. Cole joins big brother Caedmon, 7, and big sister Abigail, 4. The Sovereigns live in Philadelphia, Pa., where Greg is a campus minister with Coalition for Christian Outreach at Arcadia University. Ashley is a stay-at-home mom who hosts weekly events for students.

## 2000's

**TRAVIS, '01**, and Canaan **STEVENS** announce the birth of their daughter, Galilee, on July 1, 2007. Gali-

Caedmon, Abigail, and Cole Sovereign



Riley, Luke, and Galilee Stevens







Hayley and Cooper Delph

lee joins big brothers Riley, 5, and Luke, 3. The Stevens family lives in Elkton, Fla., where Travis serves as associate director of community at Good News Church in St. Augustine.

**LAURA (YATES), '01**, and Rob **PROUT** announce the birth of their daughter, Roselyn Ann, on Sept. 7. Roselyn weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and was 19 1/4 inches long. The Prouts live in Newnan, Ga., where Laura is a stay-at-home mom and a part-time aerobics instructor. Rob is sales director for inControl, Inc., an engineering firm in Newnan.

**JENNIFER MUSSELMAN, '01**, and Bryan Douglas Waites were married Nov. 1, at Church of the Apostles in Atlanta, Ga. Alumni in the wedding party included **JORDAN MUSSELMAN, '05**, and **SUZI SCHMOYER, '01**. Alumni attending the wedding

included **DR. DAVID LUTHER, '95H**; **SARA BETH WADE, '99**; **KATIE SPELL, '00**; **DONNA (SCHEIBE) HOPSON**, **LESLIE COLE**, **ELIZA-BETH MILLER**, **LAURA (YATES) PROUT**, **MICHELLE (PHANEUF)** and **NATE KROGEL**, **JUNE (LAYMON) AKERS**, and **MICHELLE EDWARDS**, all '01; **ADAM PARKER** and **RACHEL (SCHMITT) MCCONNELL**, both '02; **KIMMIE HILL, '03**; **HEIDI REW, '03x**; and **LEILA (SMITH) GRANT, '05**. Bryan works as a senior IRA distribution specialist at Reliance Trust Co., and Jennifer is a litigation paralegal at Bird, Loechl, Brittain & McCants, LLC. The Waiteses live in Atlanta.

**JOSEPH, '03**, and **AMBER (LANE), '02, DELPH**, have moved from Knoxville, Tenn., to Sebring, Fla., where Joe is associate pastor of youth and activities at First Baptist Church. They welcomed son Michael "Cooper" Delph to

their family on March 6. Cooper joins big sister Hayley, 2 1/2.

**ROBERT** and **PAULA (HEATH-ERSHAW) KENDALL**, both '02, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Faith, on June 10. Abigail joins big brothers Ethan, 4, and Micah, 2. The Kendalls live in Chesapeake Beach, Md., where Robert is an associate pastor. Paula is a stay-at-home mom.

**TIM** and **BROOKE (WILSON) SHOREY**, both '03, announce the birth of their son, Timothy Robert, on Aug. 14. Timothy weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19 inches long. The Shorey family lives in Matawan, N.J.

**BEN, '04**, and Ariel **NORQUIST**, announce the birth of their son, Henrik (Henry) Joseph, on Sept. 22. Henrik weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 21 inches long. The Norquist family lives in

The Kendall family



The Shorey family







Henry and Christen Barrios

Dayton, Tenn., where Ben is assistant director of spiritual formation at Bryan.

**HENRY BARRIOS, '04**, and **CHRISTEN CONRAD, '06**, were married July 14, 2007, in San Antonio, TX. Bryan alumni in the wedding party included **HEATHER (DREILING) RABOIN, ASHLEY (JOHNSON) SMITH, JENNIFER (KUYKENDALL) MAY**, all '06; **REBEKAH TOOLEY, '08**; **JUSTIN FORGETTE, '06**; **MATT LEFEVER** and **JORDAN MUSSELMAN, '05**; **BEN CARVER, '03**; **JAMAL MARSHALL** and **TAYLOR SMITH, '04**. The Barrioses live in Houston, Texas, where Henry is a high school teacher and Christen is an administrative assistant at their church, Houston's First Baptist Church. Henry recently

received his M.S. degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Houston.

**PAMELA DAVIS, '05**, read a paper at the Medieval-Renaissance Conference XXII at the University of Virginia's College at Wise in September. Her paper, "The Changing Vision of Value in the Man of Law's Tale," considered the redemptive implications of one of Chaucer's tales. Pamela is pursuing a Master's degree in English at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

**MICHAEL, '05**, and **CEREN (CARPER), '06, STONE** both earned their Master's degree in instructional leadership from Tennessee Technological University in August. Michael



Tommy and Christina Byrd

is a high school science teacher, head basketball coach, and athletic director at Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Ceren is a kindergarten teacher at Battlefield Primary in Catoosa County, Ga. The Stones live in Chattanooga.

**CHRISTINA BERRY, '07**, and **Tommy Lee Byrd** of Dayton, Tenn., were married Sept. 18. Christina works at First Bank of Tennessee and Tommy is a feature editor for Buckaroo Communications in Dayton. The Byrds live in Dayton.

**RONNIE JONES, '07x**, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

## With the Lord

**Rev. RALPH TOLIVER, '37**, of Lancaster, Pa., died Sept. 28. He and his late wife, **REBECCA (HAEGER) TOLIVER, '38**, were Bryan's first foreign missionaries.

**CONSTANCE (PENICK) FORD, '40**, of Catlettsburg, Ky., died Aug. 16.

**LILLIAN (BORGARD) PECK, '45**, of Windermere, Fla., died Sept. 11.

**Rev. RANDALL MAYCUMBER, '52**, of Okeechobee, Fla., died Aug. 2.

**JEROME HERMAN, '62x**, of Dent, Minn., died April 11.

## Correction

In the fall edition of *Bryan Life* Charles Russell, '72, was incorrectly identified as having died. Mr. Russell's brother, Thomas, '74, died June 9, and incorrect information was relayed to us that both brothers had passed away. We apologize to the Russell families, and to their friends, for the error.



# Speaking of Change...



All right. I know. We have heard that word constantly for the last year. I promise I will deal with it quickly and let it go.

Regardless of our politics, there is no doubt things will change! Change can be good. Some of us don't like change. Some things need to change. Some things we hope change for the better. Looking around the Bryan campus, let's see what has changed, and what has not.

First, the campus itself is going to change. In case you have not heard, during Homecoming, Brett Landes, '82, was impressed with Vision 2020, the blueprint to Bryan's future growth, and donated \$1 million toward the construction of the new entrance! That gift will change the course and look of the campus forever. (One thing that has NOT changed is Brett's basketball ability. That man can still SHOOT!) Already, plans are being finalized for construction to begin. His generous gift has encouraged and challenged other alums to give as well.

The new entrance will change the perception of the college. It will greatly change the level of safety for the students going up and down the Hill. Plan now to be at next year's Homecoming when we officially dedicate and open the new entrance. If you have something else planned for October 3, 2009, change it!

The food has changed. According to the students I talk to, it is much better than the past few years. If you were here for Homecoming, I think you would agree. The Handbook has changed—and keeps changing. The Office of Student Life constantly evaluates it, and adjusts it accordingly. My waistline and hairline keep

changing. Dayton is changing; not much, but it is changing!

So what has not changed? As I have mentioned before, "Christ Above All" has not changed. It is still our motto, still our guiding philosophy.

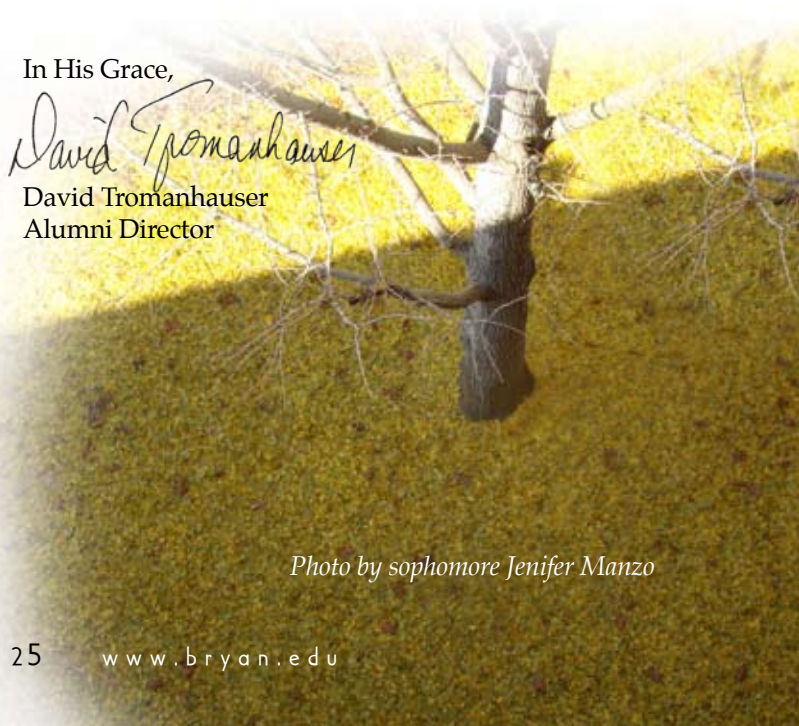
The striving for excellence has not changed. The longer I am in this position, the more I realize that God has uniquely blessed this place. The people He has assembled here over the years have gone on to accomplish great things in His name, all the while remembering "Christ Above All."

Our spirited rivalry with Covenant has NOT changed! (Neither has "creative officiating.") Dr. Ketchersid, home cooking, and East Tennessee have not changed. Love for our alma mater has not changed. Seats at the Table of Fellowship of Bryan College alumni have not changed. They are still available, ready for you to pull up a chair and tell your story.

Last, and certainly not least, our God has not changed. No matter who occupies the White House, He still occupies the Throne! May He richly bless you as you seek to never change "Christ Above All."

In His Grace,

David Tromanhauser  
Alumni Director



*Photo by sophomore Jenifer Manzo*

# Let's Meet!



## Upcoming dates for alumni meetings:

**Jan. 17** – Dayton, TN

**Jan. 19** – Orlando

**Jan. 22** – Tampa

**Jan. 23** – St. Pete/Clearwater

**Jan. 26** – Miami

**Jan. 27** – Boca Raton

**Jan. 29** – Jacksonville

**February** – Houston and Dallas

**March** – Chattanooga, Nashville, Knoxville,  
Memphis

**April** – Atlanta, Charlotte

**May** – DC, NY, NJ

**June** – Indianapolis, Chicago, Detroit,  
Columbus, Grand Rapids

**July** – CO, AZ, CA ??

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Officer: Jackie Perseghetti, '82

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Officer: Nancy Ruark, '80

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Officer: Miguel Ayllon, '04

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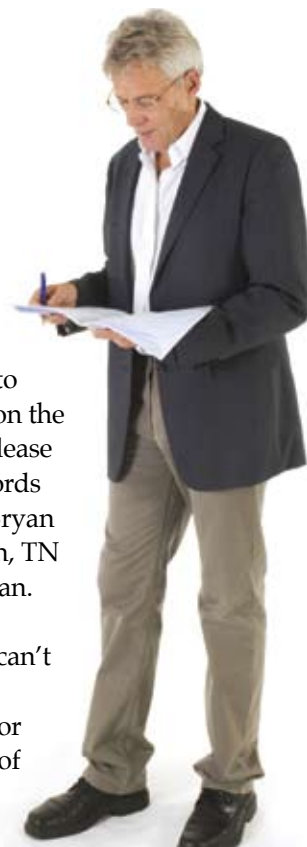
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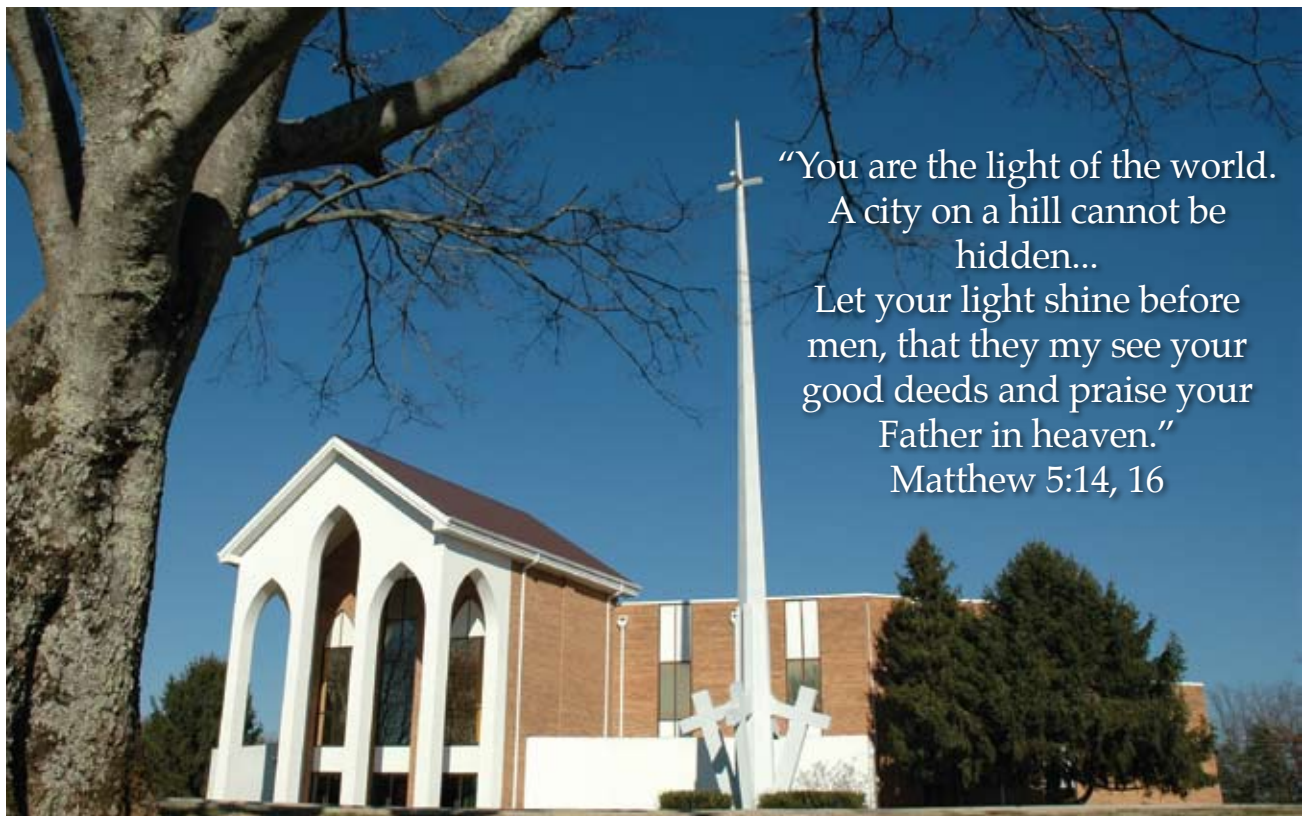


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Because there is only so much you can see without stepping onto our 125-acre campus. Once here you will have the opportunity to visit classes and attend chapel. You will also hear about Bryan from current students and be able to ask questions of professors.

You can come visit almost any time, but these organized dates give you the best chance to take in as much about Bryan as possible.



## 2009 Visit Dates

Illuminate	March 26
Highlight	March 27
Highlight	September 7
Illuminate	September 17
Highlight	September 18
Illuminate	October 29
Highlight	October 30

**HIGHLIGHT** visitors tour our campus, attend classes and chapel, have lunch in our dining hall, and experience campus life as a student. One day to help you understand the Bryan experience.

**ILLUMINATE** visitors follow the Highlight schedule on Friday, but since they arrive the afternoon before, they have the opportunity to stay with a current student in a residence hall and to experience dorm life and talk with students.

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